

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—27) **Pages S1410, S1413**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:58 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1432.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND THE FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Central Command and United States Special Operations Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General James N. Mattis, USMC, Commander, United States Central Command, and Admiral William H. McRaven, USN, Commander, United States Special Operations Command, both of the Department of Defense.

JOB GROWTH AND CAPITAL FORMATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine spurring job growth through capital formation while protecting investors, including S. 1965, to jump-start economic recovery through the formation and growth of new businesses, S. 1933, to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies, H.R. 3606, to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies, S. 1824, to amend the securities laws to establish certain thresholds for shareholder registration under that Act, S. 1544, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to exempt a certain class of securities from such Act, and S. 1970, to amend the securities laws to provide for registration exemptions for certain crowdfunded securities, after receiving testimony from Lynn E. Turner, former Chief Accountant, Securities and Exchange Commission, Mountain View, California; William D. Waddill, OncoMed Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Redwood City, California, on behalf of the Biotechnology Industry Organization; Jay R. Ritter, University of Florida Warrington College of Business Administration, Gainesville; Kathleen Shelton Smith, Renaissance Capital, LLC, Greenwich, Connecticut; and Timothy Rowe, Cambridge Innovation Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General David W. Barno, USA (Ret.), Center for a New American Security, Michael O'Hanlon, Brookings Institution, and James Jay Carafano, Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.

INVESTMENT IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing to examine keeping America competitive through investments in research and development, after receiving testimony from John P. Holdren, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President; Patrick D. Gallagher, Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology; Subra Suresh, Director, National Science Foundation; and Mason Peck, Chief Technologist, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Tom Tidwell, Chief, and Susan Spear, Acting Director of Budget, both of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

TAX REFORM OPTIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax reform options, focusing on incentives for capital investment and manufacturing, after receiving testimony from Jane G. Gravelle, Senior Specialist in Economic Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Ike Brannon, American Action Forum, Robert D. Atkinson, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, and J. D. Foster, Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.; and Michelle Hanlon, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management, Cambridge.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for international development priorities, after receiving testimony from Rajiv Shah, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Tony Hammond, of Missouri, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Blunt, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the

nominations of Mark A. Robbins, of California, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, and Roy Wallace McLeese III, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, who was introduced by Representative Norton, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 4144–4149; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 571, 573 were introduced. **Page H1209**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1209–10**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 3606, to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies (H. Rept. 112–406, Pt. 2) and

H. Res. 572, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3606) to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies (H. Rept. 112–409). **Page H1209**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Jenkins to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1155**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:01 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1162**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Applying the countervailing duty provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 to nonmarket economy countries: H.R. 4105, to apply the countervailing duty provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 to non-market economy countries, by a yea-and-nay vote of 370 yeas to 39 nays, Roll No. 96.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of the late Honorable Donald

M. Payne, a Representative from the State of New Jersey. **Page H1179**

In Memory of the late Honorable Donald Payne of New Jersey: The House agreed to H. Res. 571, expressing the condolences of the House on the death of the Honorable Donald M. Payne, a Representative from the State of New Jersey. **Page H1179**

Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the passing of Representative Payne of New Jersey, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 433. **Page H1179**

Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act: The House began consideration of H.R. 2842, to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law. Further proceedings were postponed.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H1186**

Agreed to:

Tipton amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of March 5, 2012) that strikes “2011” and inserts “2012” in section 1. **Page H1187**

Rejected:

Ellison amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of March 5, 2012) that sought to state that section 2 of the bill and the amendments made by section 2 should not take effect unless the Secretary finds that such section and amendments, if in effect, shall not result in a net loss of jobs.

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